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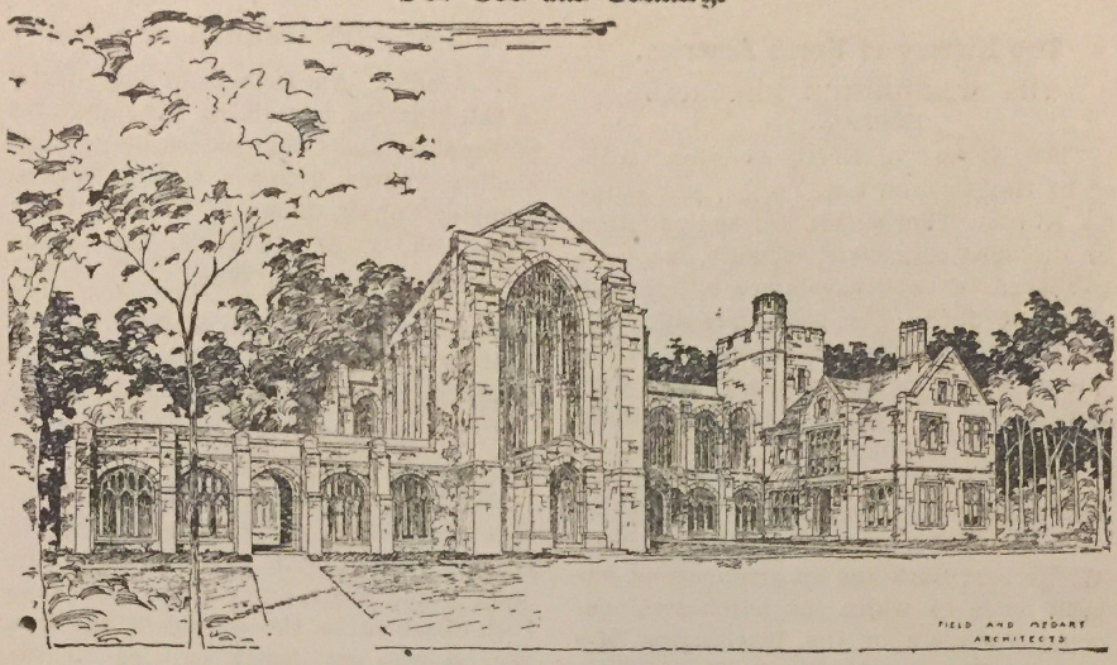

Cloister of the Colonies. Washington Memorial Chapel. Patriots' Hall. Tower and Rectory or Library

"No spot on earth—not the plains of Marathon, nor the passes of Sempach, nor the place of the Bastile, nor the dykes of Holland, nor the moors of England—is so sacred in the history of the struggle for human liberty as Valley Forge."

—CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY.

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Bishop Whitaker.

The Rt. Rev. Ozi William Whitaker, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, fell asleep on February 9th, after a long life of devoted service, leaving a memory of Christ-like gentleness and moral strength. His patient endurance of sorrow and affliction had deepened the love of his people for him and the hearts of clergy and laity were filled with a real, personal sorrow for their loss. His life had enriched the lives of many, for he lived as he preached and was himself a commendation of the Gospel's power and peace.

Honored and beloved by men and women of all faiths his life and work reached their climax in a triumphant death, and the burial service was a pean of victory.

Confirmation.

Once more comes the call to consecrate the life to Christ, in the apostolic rite of Confirmation. The time set for the service is Thursday, March 17th, and the Rector asks that those who have not been confirmed will give him the opportunity of presenting the claims of Christ to our allegiance and services.

The History of North America.

THE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL EDITION.

"The History of North America," edited by Guy Carlton Lee, Ph. D., and Francis Newton Thorpe, Ph. D., and written by the most competent scholars, has been published in twenty volumes by George Barrie & Sons. The publishers are famous the world over as "the makers of the finuest books in the world," and they have spared no expense in producing these magnificent volumes.

A "Washington Memorial Edition" of this notable history has been published, each set numbered and signed by the Rev. W. Herbert Burk and an arrangement has been made by which the purchasers become Founders of the Washington Memorial. The certificate is handsomely engraved and is sealed with the seal of the corporation.

A detailed account of this Washington Memorial Edition of the history of North America will appear in the next issue of the Chronicle.

The Mary Elizabeth Schofield "In Memoriam" Collection

The Mary Elizabeth Schofield Collection has been arranged for exhibit, as far as our crowded room will permit, and we are glad to present to our readers the following list of the treasures thus added to the Valley Forge Museum of American History by the generous donor.

1. Solid Silver Plate Holder.

This was used by the great American patriot to hold hot dishes above the polished wood of the table and bears his initials "P. H." and the date 1777.

2. Law Book from Patrick Henry's Library.

The Reports of Sir George Croke, Dublin, 1791.

8vo. sheep, broken.

The person from whom these relics were purchased inherited them in a direct line from Patrick Henry's estate.

DOCUMENTS.

1. Album. An Octavo Album, bound in full Morocco, containing 182 signatures of Senators and Congressmen of 1869, including Andrew Johnson, Gideon Welles, Schuyler Colfax, James G. Blaine, Hugh McCulloch, J. M. Schofield, and many Generals of the Civil War.

2. Hancock, John. L. S. 4to. Boston, February 15, 1791. To Caleb Strong and Tristram Dalton.

Boston, February 15, 1791.

Gentlemen,

You have inclosed a resolution of the two branches of the Legislature passed the 8th instant with a Memorial of Mr. John Lucas relative to persons who have been disabled in the course of the late War & who are justly entitled to the benefit intended by the resolutions of Congress: You will please exert your influence that measures may be adopted for effecting the purposes intended by the said resolution of the General Court.

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen,
With great esteem & respect
Your very hble Servt
John Hancock

Honorable Caleb Strong &
Tristram Dalton, Esqr.

3. Lafayette, Gilbert Motier, Marquis de. A. L. S. 4to. Paris, Nov 28, 1830. To James Monroe, with address.

Paris, November 28th, 1830.

My dear Unhappy friend

How affectionately, How deeply I sympathise with you I will not endeavor to express. My own personal grief at the loss of a kind beloved friend you have also no doubt anticipated. Remember me most tenderly and Mournfully to the family. George and my other children join me with Sad Hearts.

I will not dwell upon our french and European affairs. public papers Say all about it. I have had the good fortune before my eyes close, to Witness this

Rapid popular history of freedom, the effect of which can but extend farther.

Your old afflicted friend
Lafayette

Mr. Monroe.

(Address)
James Monroe Esq.
Oak Hill
State of Virginia

LETTERS OF THE PRESIDENTS.

1. Adams, John Quincy. A. L. S. small 4to. Dec. 8, 1823.

2. Cleveland, Grover, and Frances F. Autographs on Executive Mansion paper.

3. Garfield, James A. A. L. S. 8vo. Feb. 19, 1878.

4. Grant, Ulysses S. New York, Sept. 13, 1881.

5. McKinley, William. Autograph endorsement of ten lines, signed. Canton, Aug. 2, 1878. On a letter of H. F. Christy to President Hayes.

6. Madison, James. Parchment D. S. folio. Washington, March 27, 1811. Ship's papers.

7. Monroe, James. D. S. 4 pages, 4to. folio. Oct. 28, 1820.

8. Van Buren, Martin. L. S. 4to. Washington, Washington, June 22, 1840.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

The Washington Memorial Cemetery.

The preliminary work on the Washington Memorial Cemetery has been done most carefully. The site selected is one of the finest in the vicinity of Philadelphia, and its scenic possibilities were so great, and the place so famous that it was felt to be imperative to select some one capable of making the cemetery worthy of its memorial character. After careful consideration Mr. Thomas W. Sears, of Providence, R. I., was selected for this work to act with Mr. William B. Medary, Jr., the architect of the chapel, as the cemetery will be the setting for the memorial buildings. Mr. Sears is eminently fitted for this work, both from his artistic ability and his knowledge of the best landscape work in the world.

Mr. Sears has entered upon the task with enthusiasm, and the result is a plan unequalled by any in the State. Mr. Sears has based his studies upon a personal knowledge of the site and its possibilities, and has worked out the plan on the excellent topographical survey made by Mr. Malcolm D. Patterson, C. E.

A feature of the cemetery will be a boulevard commanding a view of a long reach of the river, and the distant hills beyond. Plots have been set apart for monuments to the heroes of the Revolution, and these are so placed as to occupy commanding positions.

The lots are laid out on a generous scale, and for those who desire privacy for the sleeping places of their beloved dead, a number of the lots will be hidden by secluding growths of shrubbery.

The character of the place and the costliness of the development and maintenance make it impossible to compete with the cheaper cemeteries. While no member of the congregation will be too poor to find a resting place in God's acre, those who can afford to pay for privileges as pre-eminent as those offered by the Washington Memorial Cemetery, will be expected to do so. To meet the requirements for the maintenance of all the lots in a manner befitting the place the effort will be made to create a large endowment.

To do this 50 per cent. of all money paid for lots after the first expenses are met will be set apart as a perpetual endowment. This will be safe-guarded with zealous care.

On Washington's Birthday the first lots will be placed on sale at $100 and $200 each. These figures will not represent the real value, but have been determined upon so as to give the Vestry ready money for the quick development of a part of the cemetery. The price of adjoining lots will be much higher, because those who are willing to help to carry out the plans for the cemetery are to be favored

above other purchasers. That these lots may not be beyond the means of those who cannot afford to pay the full price at once, it has been arranged to sell any of the lots for $5 down, and $5 a month.

On Washington's Birthday the plan of the cemetery will be exhibited and purchasers may then select their lots. Those desiring the most expensive lots should communicate with Mr. Frank Quigg, Port Kennedy, Pa.

The Convocation of Norristown.

The Convocation of Norristown held its mid-winter meeting February 2 at St. Peter's Church, Phoenixville, Rev. Francis C. Hartshorne, rector. In the absence of Bishop Mackay-Smith, who was unable to be present, on account of the funeral of the Rev. J. Saunders Reed, D. D., the Rev. W. Herbert Burk, Dean of the Convocation of Norristown, officiated at the opening service, and presided at the meeting of the Convocation.

The rector of the parish assisted the Dean in the service and the sermon was preached by the Rev. John B. Harding, rector of St. Mark's Church, Frankford. Favorable reports were received from the missionaries and new work in Church Extension will be taken up by the Convocation, under Dean Burk's guidance. An important meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Convocation was held and important action was taken toward furthering the work of the Convocation.

The delegates to the Convocation and Auxiliary and others were entertained at luncheon by the women of St. Peter's parish, in the beautiful parish house. The Rev. H. St. Clair Hathaway, rector of St. John's Church, expressed the appreciation of the guests.

The next meeting of the Convocation will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh, in June.

"No nobler figure ever stood in the forefront of a nation's life."—Rev. John Richard Green.

Why Not?

We are drawing to the close of the third year of the Chronicle. We are grateful for the kind words and support of our readers, and we want to make the paper even better than it is, and more worthy of its object. To do this we must secure a larger number of subscribers. Will you help us? Surely you know some one who would be glad to give a quarter of a dollar for a Valley Forge paper. We can easily double our subscription list if you will help. Why not?

The Rev. W. Herbert Burk entered upon his duties as Rector of the Washington Memorial Chapel on Monday, January 16, 1911, his first official act being the representation of the parish at the annual institute of the Sunday School Association of the Diocese. At this meeting Mr. Burk was again elected to the Executive Board. The other delegates of the parish were the Misses Anne Pechin, Mary M. Hibbs, Annie B. Molony and Eleanor H. Stroud.

Mr. Burk moved to Port Kennedy on the 17th, and occupied the Patterson residence owned by Mr. Frank Quigg. Members of the Washington Chapel Guild welcomed Mr. Burk to his new home and worked so untiringly to make it comfortable that by night the house was in order.

Members of All Saints' Church gave Mr. Burk as a parting gift, a bag containing $125 in gold to be used exclusively for his personal pleasure. The Vestry of All Saints', at its last meeting with Mr. Burk as rector, January 14th, passed a resolution asking the new parish to accept as a gift the organ and other articles loaned by All Saints' for the development of the Mission. Mr. Burk expressed his appreciation of the generous courtesy and the Vestry of the Chapel accepted the gift with deep gratitude.

The Rector is at the service of his people both day and night. Call "Port Kennedy, 40," when you need him.

Washington Memorial Chapel,
Valley Forge, Pa.

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Mr. William Rumford, Sexton.
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Port Kennedy.

Sundays.

2.30 P. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.
3.45 P. M. Service and Sermon.

Calendar.

FEBRUARY.

19. Sexagesima Sunday.
22. Washington's Birthday.
3 p. m., service and sermon.
5 to 8 o'clock Washington's Birthday Supper.
7.30 p. m., meeting of the Vestry.
24. St. Matthias.
26. Quinquagesima.

MARCH.

1. Ash Wednesday.
10 a. m., service, sermon and Holy Communion.
2.30 p. m., meeting of the Guild.
5. First Sunday in Lent.
8. Ember Day.
10. Ember Day.
11. Ember Day.
12. Second Sunday in Lent.
17. Confirmation.

SERVICES.

Sunday.

10.45 a. m. Sevice and sermon.
First Sunday in the month, Holy Communion.
2.30 p. m. Sunday school.
3.45 p. m. Service and sermon.
Stewart Fund Hall, King-of-Prussia
9.00 a. m. Sunday school and Bible classes.
7.30 p. m. Service and sermon.
Valley Forge Village—Friday, 7.30 p. m., Cottage Service.

PARISH REGISTER.

Communicants added by transfer Jan. 16, 1911: Mrs. Sarah A. Molony, Annie B. Molony, Hannah Paxson Kirkbride, Eleanor H. Stroud.

BURIAL.

Jan. 20, 1911, Charles H. Murray.

The regular monthly meeting of the Guild was held in the Parish House on Wedneshday, February 1st. The attendance was excellent. After the reading of the reports, the chief matter on hand was the discussion of the Washington Birthday supper to be held in the Parish House. The meeting adjourned to meet Wednesday, March 1st.

The Guild desires to acknowledge Mr Montague's courtesy and favor in weaving for it the beautiful rag carpet whose sale added very materially to its depleted treasury and wishes further to express to him its appreciation of his very kind assistance.

Reception to the Rector.

A reception to meet and welcome Mr. Burk to the parish was given by the Guild in the Parish House, Wednesday evening, February 1st. About eighty guests were present testifying by their presence, cordiality and enthusiasm, their hearty welcome and support of Mr. Burk in his work at Valley Forge.

The table in the soft glow of the pink candles and delicate pink carnations made a very attractive spot in the primitive little wooden building. Mrs. C. Colket Wilson and Mrs. Wm. C. Wilson poured and the rest of the Guild members constituted themselves a reception committee. Mr. Wm. C. Wilson, in a few apt and humorous sentences, presented Mr. Burk, the guest of honor of the evening, and called upon him for a speech, to which Mr. Burk responded most fittingly, thanking his staunch friends for their loyal support of the past and reminding them that he depended on their courage and assistance to carry to successful completion the work so well under way.

A donation of two dozen silver teaspoons to the tea room by Miss Eleanor Stroud and a donation of ½ dozen silver tablespoons by Mrs. Leslie Jefferis were omitted in the annual report of the Chapel Guild.

Meeting of the Vestry.

The first meeting the Vestry of the Washington Memorial Chapel with the Rector presiding was held at his residence, Saturday, January 21.

Mr. Burk gave a full account of his plans for the Chapel and the status of the work along the following lines:

The Parish.

The Chapel.

The Patriots' Hall.

The Valley Forge Museum of American History.

The Washington Memorial Library.

The Washington Memorial Cemetery.

All the plans received the hearty endorsement of the Vestry, which pledged itself to co-operate with the Rector in carrying on the work so successfully begun.

Mr. Charles Wells Walker and Mr. Thomas Dobson were appointed to audit the accounts of the treasurers of the Building Fund.

The treasurers were authorized to borrow $2000 to pay off the notes of All Saints' Church and certain bills for work already done.

The Guild will give a Washington Birthday Supper in the Parish House on Wednesday evening, February 22d, from five until eight o'clock. Your co-operation and support are needed to make it successful. Will you not that evening visit the spot sacred to Valley Forge's great patriot?

"Washington illustrated and adorned the civilization of Christianity, and furnished an example of the wisdom and perfection of its teachings which the subtlest arguments of its enemies cannot impeach. That one grand, rounded life, full-orbed with intellectual and moral glory, is worth, as the product of Christianity, more than all the dogmas of all the teachers."—Zebulon B. Vance.

The subscribers of the Chronicle are requested to send prompt notice of any change of address to the editor, Miss Emma W. Crawford, Devon, Pa.

"Few men who have earned for themselves a celebrated name in the history of the world exhibit such a harmony, such a concordant symmetry of all the qualities calculated to render himself and others happy, as Washington; and it has been very appropriately observed that, like the masterpieces of ancient art, he must be the more admired in the aggregate, the more closely he is studied in detail."—George von Raumer.

History of the Valley Forge.

BY HENRY WOODMAN.

LETTER X.—Continued.

[Norristown Herald and Free Press, July 31, 1850.]

As I shall have occasion to speak of the rear line hill, as well as the front line hill, I may here mention, that a hill forming the western boundary of the river Schuylkill and running nearly parallel with the front line, and leaving the course of the river near headquarters, and continuing in the same direction up the Valley Creek to the county line, above where the old forge stood that was burned by the British, constituted the rear line hill, and is the hill mentioned in my second letter. It was on the ground occupying the space between two lines, that the temporary huts for the soldiers, and some of the officers to winter in, were erected; the greater number of them on the farm of Mordecai Moore and David Stephens. The timber was cut down, and the huts or cabins put up a short time after their arrival; for a while a part of the soldiers were engaged in constructing fortifications and breastworks; others were cutting down timber and rearing their rude and miserable huts, to shelter them from the severe winter that was approaching, and which was rendered still more so by their destitute and forlorn situation, as described; yet such was the energy with which they engaged in the undertaking,and the alacrity with which they under every disadvantage carried it on, that I have understood that in the course of four days after their arrival most of the work was completed.

I never seen any of the huts; they were all demolished before my time; but the foundations of the most of them were still visible. When I first remember visiting the ground, and from having so often seen them, I can form a just estimate of their size, and from descriptions given of them by my father. I trust the information I shall give concerning them, will be generally correct. The greater number of the huts, judging from the foundations as they presented themselves in my early days, varied in size from ten to sixteen feet square, occasionally the foundation of a much larger one presented itself among them. I always understood that a mess of seven men among the soldiers occupied one hut, general officers who quartered in the camp, each occupied a hut and many of the inferior officers had single huts for their accommodation. The sites of many of the officers' huts, and the names of their occupants were pointed out to me by my father, when I was about eight years of age. Directly in the rear of the breastworks on the front line hill, and about twenty yards distant from it, a line of huts were constructed, commencing on the land of Mordecai Moore, and extending towards its southwestern termination. Traces of many of them are still visible, and they appear to have been erected in nearly a uniform line, with spaces or passages between them like streets or roads. This regularity in their construction, is most apparent on the front and rear lines. Towards the centre, less order appears to have been observed, as the remains or foundations of the huts clearly indicate. The principal part of the huts on the rear line and in the center were erected on the land of David Stephens, though a number of them were on the Valley Forge estate, and some few in the centre and on both lines, were on the land of other persons. A small number were erected on both sides of the encampment, but all traces of them have long since been obliterated, and their foundations ploughed up. I have a faint recollection of having seen the sites of some of them. These huts were constructed in a very rough and ready manner, and without the aid of the master builders and architects of the present day, for they were hastily formed of logs, rudely jointed together in the manner of cribs, and the spaces between filled up with stone, mud and clay and

whatever materials the exigency of the case afforded, and covered with earth excavated from the cellars; they had no windows, and an opening was left in one end for a door. It was in this manner the temporary accommodations for the soldiers and some of the officers were hastily formed to shelter them, though very poorly, from the inclemency of the approaching winter. They had no attic nor basement stories; they were barely high enough to admit a man to stand upright. Some of them had chimneys and places for fires though the most of them had not this convenience, and their fires were generally built upon the ground on the outside of their cabins, and here they performed their cooking operations in a very simple and primitive way.

I have occasionally, in my rambles over the ground in my youthful days, in search of cows which were turned out to pasture (for then the greater part of it either lay a common, or was unenclosed forest), found, among the foundations of the huts, the remains of logs that had been used in their construction, and about thirty-nine years ago I found in one of them the remains of a chimney, in a tolerable state of preservation, and which I also saw some years afterwards, and a short time previous to my removing to this country, but not having traversed the grounds for the last twenty years, I cannot say whether or not it is still remaining. Upon mentioning these circumstances to my father, he informed me that these were the quarters of some of the general officers, who, on account of the thinly settled state of the country, could not obtain them at the dwellings of the inhabitants in the vicinity of the encampment.

The foregoing description may serve to give my readers a faint, but at best a very faint, imperfect idea, of the manner and kind of dwellings, with which the soldiers were provided during that memorable campaign, and we may figure to our imaginations, from the destitute condition, and the want of the very necessaries of life under which they were laboring, when they entered them, how much they suffered during their abode at that place. I shall now conclude this epistle by observing that in my next I shall give some account of the general affairs and the place of their different quarters, and some other matters that I have heard related of that period, and probably some accounts of the outposts of the army that were placed as an advanced guard.

"George Washington was a nobleman by birth and nurture; a warrior of warriors; a statesman of statesmen, but it was his crowning glory that he was a Christian."—Rt. Rev. Richard Hooker Wilmer.

"Whilst I do not begrudge America the inheritance of his fame, I cannot allow America a monopoly of his renown. George Washington belongs to patriotism, to civilization, and to heroism all the world over. He was a child of the larger history, not a mere unit in the development of a single nation."—Rev. Jos. Parker, D. D.

"The birthday of Washington shall be an eternal festival wherever a free man speaks the English tongue."—William Charles Macready.

"Honored and loved—the patriot—and the sage
Born for thine own and every coming age:
Thy country's champion—Freedom's chosen son
We hail thy birthday—glorious Washington."
—Rev. Samuel Francis Smith, D. D.